



*SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*January 15, 2023*

*"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world."*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(Based on Bread of Life, Jay Beach Setting)  
(Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely)  
Congregational responses are in bold print*

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.*

*We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.*

*Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

### **Gathering**

#### Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

#### Welcome and Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, ✝ one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

Thus says our God:  
"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."  
God's mercy makes us new.  
We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**



Gathering Hymn: "Christ, Be Our Light"

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# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## Greeting

The grace our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

### Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

*I Was Glad*

The musical score is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words split across lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us  
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they  
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,  
Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed,  
Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,  
gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;  
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named;  
Mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly Word,  
God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,  
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong,  
Here, will be re - peat - ed; Peace! to all pro - claimed,  
make the walls and raf - ters ring.  
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.  
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

***We sit.***

**Word**

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

***continued***

and my God has become my strength  
<sup>6</sup>he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11**

*We read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
**<sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**  
<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.  
**<sup>4</sup>Happy are those who make  
the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,**

*continued*

**to those who go astray after false gods.**

<sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

**<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.**

**Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**<sup>8</sup>I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."**

<sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.

**<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not, O LORD, withhold  
your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe forever.



**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.


The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Celtic Alleluia**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!

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**Gospel: John 1:29-42**

The holy gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

We stand

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# Lamb of God

Your Only Son

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

*Refrain*

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

*We sit*

**Affirmation of Baptism**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

*A representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation.*

I present Peggy Caister, Mark Radecke and Tami Radecke who desire to make public their affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

*We stand.*

**Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response:**

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support Peggy, Mark and Tami and pray for one another in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*We sit*

### **Introduction of New Members**

*We stand*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these words*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

**Meal**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you, offer a sign of peace to one another.*

*We sit.*

### **Offering**

*We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.*

*(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)*

*We stand.*

Offertory Song

Verses 1, 4

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Liberating God,  
**you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

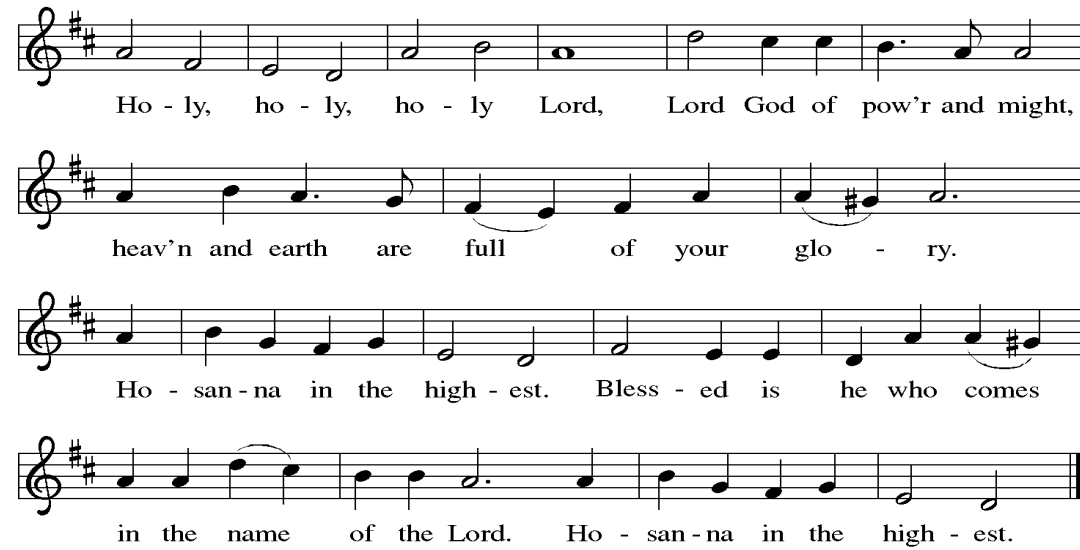
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
 And gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we wait his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love,  
 O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom,  
 with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory,  
 now and forever.

**Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*We sit.*

### Baba Yetu

**Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako  
litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako ufike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.**

### For the Healing of the World



Des-per - ate peo - ple are mak - ing their way to see  
Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our  
Still in our world we see peo - ple con - tin - ue to



Je - sus; Wound-ed and bro - ken we  
sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of  
suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and



come for we've no - where to turn;  
death, he's no strang - er to tears;  
so man - y liv - ing in pain.



Long - ing for free - dom from de - mons and all our dis -  
Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak - ness he  
Now we must go with God's heal - ing and jus - tice to



eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and  
bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and  
of - fer, For this is the call, he



free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.  
drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.  
asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,  
 Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,  
 Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his  
 sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,  
 Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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### **The Holy Communion**

***OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL!*** *At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
 The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

***After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.***

### **The Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen**

**Post Communion Canticle** *"For the Healing of the World"*

**Verse 3, Pages 19-20**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

Holy One,  
**We thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
Amen.**



Sending

Benediction+

### **Benediction**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

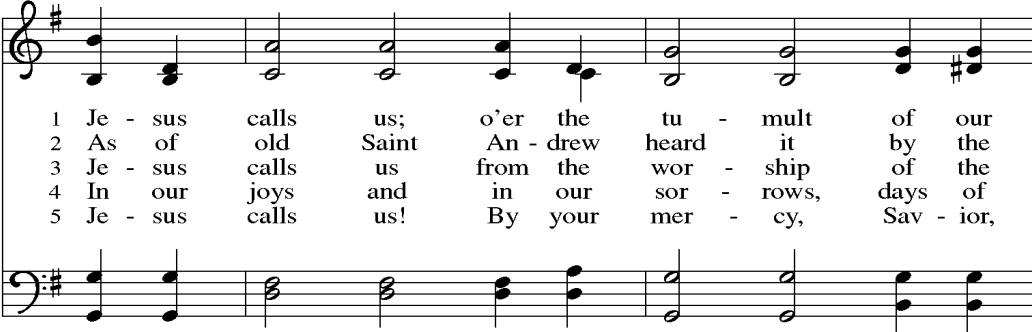
### **Postlude**

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## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*

*January 22 2023  
Third Sunday After Epiphany  
Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.*

*Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18*



*The Chancel Flowers today  
are given to the glory of our God*

*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*

<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Kathy Meicke</i>
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Cathy Crowder</i>
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	<i>Robin Crowder Karen Walck</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Fred Biggers</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Robin Crowder Jean Morgan</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Jack Eckstrom Jim Nelson</i>



**Please print** your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

**Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)**

Phyllis Kite

Bill Lucas

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)**

**Shirley Breckenmaker**, Mother of Tami Radecke

**Pat Foster**, Friend of Lee and Sharon Lynch

**Russell Goff**, Family Member of Gloria and Jim Nelson

**Rev. Dr. Rolf Hedberg**, Friend of David and Vivian Proctor

**Lauren Kinese**, Friend of Lee and Sharon Lynch

**Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)**

Emily Almarode

Liz Ann Binns

Beth Brady

Fred Brower

Sandra Hoy

Kathryn Johnson

Glenn Myers

Jimmy Owens

Janet Parmer

Ingrid Sevigny



**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends** *(Please advise of status changes)*

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle  
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace  
Beth Hausrath Crickenberger, Friend to Many at Grace  
Nina Crowe, Mother of Cathy Crowder  
Natalie and Nicole Dodge, Friends of Ron and Sylvia Almarode  
Kyle Getler, Member Relative  
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf  
Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump  
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson  
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht  
Jen Kearney, Friend to Many at Grace  
Dot Metz, Sister of Marge Cloutier  
Ken & Letty Rosen, Friends of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
Kirsten Schwiesow, Daughter of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
Judy Simpson, Sister of Sharon Lynch  
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many  
Kay Truslow, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht  
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year  
Toretta Wyatt, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

**Members/Friends Grieving** *(Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)*

Family of Debbie Caldwell, Friend of Gail Johnson  
Family of Pat Jennings, Sister of Jim Nelson  
Family of Kevin Machon, Nephew of Linda Tomey  
Family of George Savage, Friend of Gail Johnson

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

Karla Rankin (1/16)  
Ellen Moyer (1/16)

Phyllis Kite (1/16)  
Donna Gum (1/18)

*Continued*

**The Needs of the World**

**First responders: Fire, EMT, Medical Personnel, Police and Military at risk in their service to others**

U.S. Congress and our representatives, as they seek to begin their work of governance in 2023

**This Fall's flu and virus proliferation, and continuing Covid dangers**

Winter Storms and Tornadoes' impact across our nation

**For peace on earth: The Ukraine, Republic of Congo, Syria, Ethiopia, Yemen**

Earthquakes and flooding in California

**The Church**

**Grace's Strategic Planning**

Our friends in Christ at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

**The Roman Catholic Church upon the death of Benedict XVI**

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Wenonah area

**Monday**

Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-23  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
Mark 3:7-19a  
Morning Psalm 135, Evening 97

**Tuesday**

Isaiah 44:9-20  
Ephesians 4:17-32  
Mark 3:19b-35  
Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30

**Wednesday**

Isaiah 44:24-45:7  
Ephesians 5:1-14  
Mark 4:1-20  
Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48

**Thursday**

Isaiah 45:5-17  
Ephesians 5:15-33  
Mark 4:21-34  
Morning Psalm 36, Evening 80

**Friday**

Isaiah 45:18-25  
Ephesians 6:1-9  
Mark 4:35-41  
Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32

**Saturday**

Isaiah 46:1-13  
Ephesians 6:10-24  
Mark 5:1-20  
Morning Psalm 56, Evening 118





**New Members** - Please pray for Peggy Caister and Rev. Mark and Tami Radecke, who will be affirming their Baptism and joining Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church today.



**New Adult Bible Weekday Class!** A four week class on I Corinthians, which we'll be reading during the Season of Epiphany! Pastor Paul leads the class, on Thursdays, or other best time for those attending. We start on January 19. Interested? Sign up in the sheet in the Narthex!



**Adult Sunday School!** Pastor Karen Van Stee leads an engaging study of Matthew's gospel at **8:30** a.m. *Please note the new, earlier starting time.* Come join us!



**Monthly Prayer Vigil at YMCA in January!** We will have our monthly CCE&J (Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice) Prayer Vigil at the YMCA at 3pm this coming Saturday. This move is a response to the defacing of the mural on the side of the YMCA building with swastika's by vandals this past week. Our prayers will continue to be for our community, and the Christ-given prayer that, in our diversity, we are stronger in our one-ness in Christ. (Gal. 3:28-29)



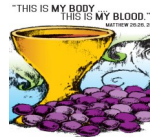
**Grace Christmas Eve Offering** - Grace's Christmas Eve collection for Renewing Homes Augusta totaled \$750! Thanks to all who donated and gave a Christmas blessing to many who can stay in their homes through the work of Renewing Homes!



**Youth Soup Event raises \$770 for Foster Care in our area!** Last Sunday's Ecumenical youth event was a great success, gathering many youth from five downtown congregations, serving a great variety of soups, and raising funds for Foster Love Ministries, which supports local foster families and children.



The Grace Women's Book Group will meet this coming Wednesday (January 15) at 11:30AM at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. We will be discussing the book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. Anyone interested in our group is welcome. Our next meeting will be on March 15 at 11:30, location to be announced. The book we will be discussing then is The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom. Contact Kathy Bump with any questions.



**Eucharistic Ministry at Grace** - Each month our Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to homebound Grace members. It is a blessed way to offer Jesus and his love, mercy and forgiveness to others. If you feel called to this ministry, please let Pastor Paul know, as we have received additional requests for this ministry.



**Altar Flowers**—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



**Christmas DVD's are available**—contact Owen Keefer, [deltanode@comcast.net](mailto:deltanode@comcast.net) or 540-241-7086 or the Church Office



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made thirty-one deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and sixteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3248 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



**Grace Photo Directory**—Jack Eckstrom will be our photographer for the Grace Pictorial Directory. The initial kickoff for this will be **Sunday, February 5**, in conjunction with the First Sunday Fellowship. Pictures should take approximately 10 minutes per family, if that, giving everyone time to enjoy the fellowship and refreshments from the Grace group that is hosting this event for February. Our schedule for the photos is the following Sundays after the service: February 5<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>. Pictures will be taken immediately after each service. In addition, Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign up sheets for each date will be located in the back of the church. For those unable to take part, you can provide a photo of yourself and/or family. Cell phones are great for taking pictures. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Hite, 540-292-0977, or the church office.



## GRACE - WARM Cold Weather Shelter

**Collecting Toiletries** (travel/hotel-sized: shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, lotion)

**Collecting Breakfast and Snack Food Items** (cereal, fruit cups, nutra-grain bars, fruit juice boxes, nabs, individual portion bags of chips, cookies)

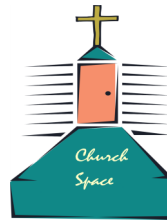
**Box located on back table in the Nave**

### **Volunteer Opportunities January 23-30**

***Sign-up Sheets are located in the back of the Nave before and after services***

- **Set-up teams:** January 22 and/or 23 to organize and set-up check-in, Fellowship Hall tables, cots, chairs, dividers.
- **Check-In teams:** 3-4 volunteers/night; assist Staff Host and welcome guests - make them feel welcome, let them know we care, participate in time of fellowship – let them know that God’s love is present in their lives! Make coffee!
- **Shower Host:** 1 volunteer/night; ensure guests have needed toiletries, towel; monitor shower schedule and collect towels
- **Meal Teams:** Join a team to provide dinner for about 50 people; volunteer to prepare food, serve and/or clean-up. Assist preparing sack lunches, if time/able. January 23 - 29 - we have 7 Teams scheduled; more volunteers are welcome to fill out teams. Welcoming individual volunteers as well as whole teams! If you're interested in leading a team, let me know!
- **Overnight Hosts:** 2 volunteers/night; assist the Staff Host overnight (in-person OR by telephone); in morning, make coffee and put out breakfast items and sack lunches, Clean up after.
- **Clean-up Team:** light cleaning duties. WARM will have guests complete basic chores (sweeping, mopping if needed, removing garbage). We will come in during the day (after the guests are gone,) to check the area, follow-up as needed - Lysol bathrooms, showers; wash/dry/fold towels.

**Questions? Suggestions?** Please contact Susan Myers 434-760-1660  
or [sparkelmyers@gmail.com](mailto:sparkelmyers@gmail.com)



**Our Space in Use!** A look at our calendar shows our space being used in many ways: Valley Music Academy, meeting space for the Virginia Synod and Encircle (formally Lutheran Family Services). Newcomers, Bridge Club, Yoga; Grace activities throughout the week. We give thanks to God for all the opportunities we have to be a blessing in this community!



### **Covid Policy at Grace**

- Masking is optional during worship.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk] in the narthex
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front right of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and receiving bread and individual cups of wine; pastor and assistants will mask when the CDC "risk" color is orange (high)
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

### ***We continue to encourage:***

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year
- Masking if you have not been vaccinated for Covid or Flu
- Masking for Covid, flu or other infections.

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY—SUNDAY	01/15	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	<b>Matthew—Adult Bible Class</b> <b>Second Sunday After Epiphany</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching <b>New Members Sunday</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>VMA Short Recital</b> <b>Pastor—Summit Square</b>
Monday	01/16	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Holiday</b>
Tuesday	01/17	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Church Council</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	01/18	10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Encircle Regional Managers Meeting</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Grace Women's Book Group at Cracker Barrel</b> <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Thursday	01/19	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Newcomers Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot) <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>CCEJ Group Zoom Meeting</b>
Saturday	01/21	10:00 a.m. 3:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Virginia Synod</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation</b> YMCA <b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	01/22	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Matthew—Adult Bible Class</b> <b>Third Sunday After Epiphany</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching <b>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>



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